



PARISH OF ST MARY, STAR OF THE SEA, GISBORNE

Catholic Diocese of Hamilton

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

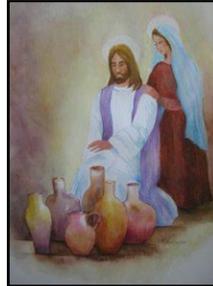
19 January 2025

Ngā mihi o te Tau Hou. Happy New Year.

Last Sunday we celebrated the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Our own baptism calls us to be disciples, or, as Pope Francis urges us in this **Jubilee Year**, to be pilgrims of hope as we begin 2025 — pilgrims of hope who join the crucified and risen Lord in bringing about the salvation of the world by doing good and healing the oppressed, confident that just as God was with Jesus, God is with us.

This Sunday we begin **Ordinary Time** once again, for a few weeks, until Lent begins, quite late this year, on March 5.

Our Gospel this Sunday is the marvellous story of the **wedding feast at Cana**. As we enter into this jubilee year, perhaps Mary's words can encourage us also — "Do whatever He tells you." In whatever way we can, great or small, let us strive to allow the Lord to do miraculous things in our lives, and in the lives of others. We also pray for all married couples this day in a special way. It was good to have a few days away after New Year and Father Richard will have some time off later this week.



No Mass in Tokumaru Bay today, nor is there Mass at Matawai next weekend.

I am working with the Campion College staff this Wednesday, reflecting on the College motto, "In Christ We Are Alive". Please pray for us that day, and pray for all involved in Catholic Education as they prepare for another year. (The Commissioning Mass will be on February 13 at 3.15pm.)

Best wishes for 2025 to you all — and every blessing

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MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

- + Our sympathy to David Caldwell and his family on the death of Susan after a long period of decline in her health — may she now rest in peace. Her Requiem Mass was celebrated on Wednesday.
- + We offer sympathy to Rudy Tiepa also, on the recent death of her younger brother, Dominic Sylvester Francis Tiepa. A wonderful Catholic name! E moe— rest in peace, Dominic.
- + Emma Carag-Boriga's mother Leticia died in the Philippines — may she now be in the loving arms of our Lord. Our consolation to Emma and her family at this time of sadness and separation.

JUBILEE YEAR

The 2025 Jubilee Year began on Christmas Eve with Pope Francis opening the Holy Door at St Peter's Basilica in Rome. The Jubilee banner has gone up! If you have any suggestions as to how we might celebrate the Jubilee in our parish, please speak to one of the Parish Council members. (The Parish Council next meets on February 5.)



SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR VANUATU

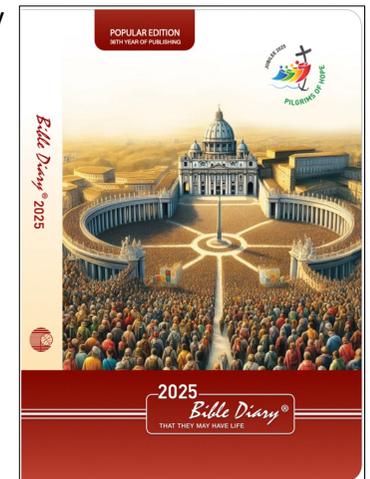
Thank you for your generosity in giving to this collection, and just before Christmas. We have been able to forward \$2000 to Caritas for rebuilding efforts in Vanuatu — but let's continue to pray for them.

KETE KÖRERO

The Christmas 2024 Kete Kōrero has finally arrived and is available on the table in the foyer.

BIBLE DIARIES

A few more Bible Diaries available from the foyer or from Elaine in the Parish Office, \$20 per copy.



COLUMBAN CALENDARS

Available from the Parish Office at \$15 each.

PARISH-TO-PARISH BED & BREAKFAST

Catholics throughout New Zealand and a few in Australia host Catholics in their homes, a wonderful way for Catholics to meet and enjoy the company of other Catholics. A contribution of \$50 for one person, and \$30 for each additional guest, this is per night. Two people would pay \$80 per night. If you wish to purchase a book with the details of the hosts, the cost is \$15, includes postage. Contact or order from Marie Anderson, 2 Brent Place, Christchurch 8053; phone 027 2800 611; email marie.ian@xtra.co.nz

MEDJUGORJE IN-DEPTH

Join Mir Pilgrimages and chaplain Fr Joy Thottamkara on a group pilgrimage departing May 22 for 10 days and nights experiencing 'Medjugorje In-Depth'. See the parish noticeboard or call Patricia Parsons on 027 421 9064.

RIMBROOK STUDY CENTRE AT WAIKATO UNIVERSITY

Rimbrook Study Centre is a residence in Hamilton for female undergraduate students, conducted by Opus Dei. Joining the Rimbrook whānau means having a new place to call home that supports and challenges you to become your best. \$310 per week. Applications at rimbrook.org/applynow

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

FEBRUARY

4th RCIA resumes
5th Parish Pastoral Council, 5pm
13th Schools Commissioning Mass, 3.15pm
19th Finance Committee, 12pm
28th "International Event" (CWL organising)

MARCH

5th Ash Wednesday

EDUCATION:

Stella Maris Early Childhood Centre	Bridget Armstrong (Centre Leader)	(06) 863 0428
St Mary's School	Helen McGuigan (Principal)	(06) 868 8332
Campion College	Paul McGuinness (Principal)	(06) 867 9309

This Sunday's Readings:

Isaiah 62:1-5
1 Cor 12:4-11
John 2:1-11

Next Sunday's Readings:

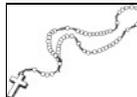
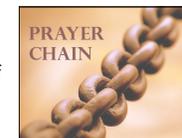
Nehemiah 8:2-10
1 Cor 12:12-30
Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

MASS OFFERING

Mass can be offered for Holy Souls, Thanksgiving, Special Intentions, needs or difficulties. Contact Elaine in the Parish Office to arrange to have a Mass offered for your intentions.

PRAYER CHAIN

If you need prayer, or want to be a Prayer Chain member (committing to pray for others), contact **Sister Cynthia** (08 868 6378) or **Shirley** (027 633 2320). The purpose of a prayer chain is to support one another, lift up our needs and hopes to God, and gain God's assistance through prayer.



THE HOLY ROSARY

The Rosary is prayed in the side chapel at 8.30am every morning, except on Fridays when it is prayed at 11.25am.

Date	Mass Times	Intentions	Feast / Saint
Sunday 19 January	6pm Vigil (Saturday) 9am (Sunday)	Parishioners' Intentions	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday 20 January			
Tuesday 21 January	9am		St Agnes
Wednesday 22 January	9am		
Thursday 23 January	9am		
Friday 24 January	11am Holy Hour 12.10 pm		
Saturday 25 January	9am 6pm Vigil (Saturday)	Parishioners' Intentions	Conversion of St Paul
Sunday 26 January	9am (Sunday)	Parishioners' Intentions	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

SUNDAY MASS AT OTHER CHURCHES —

Second Sunday: Sacred Heart, Tolaga Bay (11am)
Third Sunday: St James, Tokomaru Bay (11.30am)
Fourth Sunday: St Bede's, Matawai (11am)

CONFESSIONS —

Friday 11.25am
Saturday 9.30am
Or by appointment with one of the priests